

LENT EVENING BULLETIN, 2nd Wednesday in Lent, February 28, 2024
The Patient Lamb of God

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

All sit

PSALM 38: 9-22

The psalm is read together by the pastor and congregation

⁹ O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.

¹⁰ My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes-- it also has gone from me.

¹¹ My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.

¹² Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.

¹³ But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear, like a mute man who does not open his mouth.

¹⁴ I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.

¹⁵ But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

¹⁶ For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!"

¹⁷ For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.

¹⁸ I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

¹⁹ But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.

²⁰ Those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good.

²¹ Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

²² Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Psalm/38>

PSALM PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Forgive me Lord, for the pain I have caused, for I know my sin has hurt so many people. Yet all of my sin is ultimately against you. There is no sin that has escaped you, Yet you are patient, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, forsake me not O Lord. Forgive and restore me, O Lord of my Salvation.

C Amen.

All sit

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 53: 1-12

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Isa. 53:1-12 ESV)

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2: 16-25

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Pet. 2:16-25 ESV)

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

All sit

All who are able, stand

Hymn

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion."
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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SERMON

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: Lord, Your forgiveness rescues us from ever-failed intentions and foolish weakness. Grant to us grace that we may be restored through forgiveness and ever stand before You in the clothing of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

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